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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Imperial Service

Appointment of Tiyyas of Kerala as District Judges.

*1830 Q.—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are qualified persons among the Tiyyas of Kerala (backward community) to hold the posts of District Judges and, if so, whether any of them have been appointed as such?

A.—Such posts are reserved for members of the I.C.S. excepting a limited number which are reserved for persons promoted from the Provincial Judicial service or for persons appointed directly from the Bar. It is quite possible that there are Tiyyas at the Bar or in the Provincial Judicial service who may be qualified to hold the post of District Judge. No post of District Judge is at present held by a Tiyya.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"Sir, will the Government be pleased to consider the claims of the Tiyya community when a vacancy of the District Judge arises?"

The hon. Sir Noman Marjoribanks:—"When a vacancy arises—certainly, Sir."

Appointment of a Tiyya as a District Collector.

*1831 Q.—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will th hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any Tiyya has been appointed as a District Collector and if not whether one will be appointed soon?

A.—So far as the Government have been able to trace no District Collector to date has been a Tiyya. There is at least one Tiyya amongst the Sub-Collectors and he will no doubt reach the post of Collector before long.

Irrigation

Repairs to irrigation channel in Mel-Pudupakkam, North Arcot.

*1832 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the villagers of Mel-Pudupakkam, Wallajah taluk, North Arcot district, sent up a number of memorials to the District Collector and the Board of Revenue urging the necessity for the repair of the Irrigation channel from the Kamandalanya river to Mel-Pudupakkam lake;

(b) if so, what orders have been passed on them; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to undertake the work?

A.—(a) The Government do not know whether or no such petitions have been received by the authorities named.